

an inner cover removably covering the opening; and

a cover detachably attached to the upper portion of the body over said opening, said cover having a flat side surface extending away from the body and a plurality of projections provided on said flat side surface and configured to massage a scalp.

2. (Twice Amended) The detergent container with a massage brush according to Claim 1, wherein said opening is positioned in a substantially center portion of the upper portion of said body.

8. (Amended) A shampoo container comprising:

a body configured to contain a shampoo therein and having an opening for the shampoo in an upper portion thereof;

an inner cover removably covering the opening; and

a cover detachably attached to the upper portion of the body over the opening, the cover having a flat side surface extending away from the body and a plurality of projections on the flat side surface, the plurality of projections being positioned to facilitate massaging of a scalp.

9. (Amended) The shampoo container according to Claim 8, wherein the opening is positioned in a substantially center portion of the upper portion of the body.

15. (Amended) A scalp massaging kit comprising:

a detergent containing 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of a cationic polymer, 1.0 to 50 parts by weight of a nonionic surface active agent, 1.0 to 50 parts by weight of an alcohol, and water in an amount making 100 parts by weight; and

a detergent container having a body and a cover, the body being configured to contain the detergent therein and having an opening for the detergent in an upper portion thereof and an inner cover removably covering the opening, the cover being detachably attached to the

upper portion of the body over the opening, and having a flat side surface extending away from the body and a plurality of projections on the flat side surface, the plurality of projections being positioned to facilitate massaging of a scalp.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Obata et al. (U.S. Patent 4,533,273); Claims 5-9 and 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Obata et al.; and Claims 3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Obata et al. and in view of Per-Lee et al. (U.S. Patent 5,673,455).

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15 have been amended herein. These claim amendments are supported by Claims 2 and 9, and thus are not believed to raise a question of new matter. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language.

Briefly, Claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a detergent container with a massage brush including a body configured to contain a detergent therein and having an opening for the detergent in an upper portion thereof, an inner cover removably covering the opening, and a cover detachably attached to the upper portion of the body over the opening, the cover having a flat side surface extending away from the body and a plurality of